

# John Dickinson's birthday, candle-making and holiday crafts to be featured at Dover, Del.'s John Dickinson Plantation in November 2015

**-Listing of plantation events through December 2015 also included-**

(DOVER, Del.—Nov. 4, 2015)—During the upcoming weeks in November, Dover, Del.'s John Dickinson Plantation will present seven special programs that explore different aspects of everyday life as it would have been lived during the 18th century when John Dickinson was in residence at the property. Admission is free. For additional information, call 302-739-3277.



Hand-dipped candles at the John Dickinson Plantation. Candle-making workshops will be offered on Nov. 14, 2015.

Highlights include John Dickinson's Birthday Month

celebrations on Thursdays, Nov. 5, 12 and 19 during which visitors will have an opportunity to assist in the making of a great cake decorated with royal icing and shaped marzipan.

On Saturday, Nov. 14, the site will present two candle-making activities. The first, held in partnership with the [St. Jones Reserve](#), will present a bayberry-candle workshop from 10 a.m.–Noon. Reservations for this workshop are required by calling the St. Jones Reserve at 302-739-3436 no later than Nov. 13. Between 1 and 3 p.m., the plantation will present “Light Me Up!,” a workshop on candle dipping and discussion of lighting devices of the 18th century. Reservations for this program are required by calling 302-739-3277 no later than Nov. 13. Both workshops are presented in an unheated venue. Appropriate dress for the weather is recommended.

Finally, on Saturday, Nov. 28, the plantation will present “Handmade for the Holidays,” a seasonal program in which visitors can create a sachet with herbs and spices.

The [John Dickinson Plantation](#) was the boyhood home and country estate of John Dickinson, one of the founding fathers of the United States, signer of the U.S. Constitution and “Penman of the Revolution.” The plantation features Dickinson’s original 1740 brick home, reconstructed farm buildings and a log’d dwelling, surrounded by rich agricultural lands stretching down to the banks of the St. Jones River.

Following is a schedule of plantation events through December 2015. All programs take place at the John Dickinson Plantation, 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover, Del. The property is open Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Times for special programs are indicated. Admission is free for all events listed. For additional information, call 302-739-3277.

## **John Dickinson Plantation special events through December 2015**

### **Ongoing**

**"Simple Machines."** Exhibit demonstrating the six "simple machines"—incline ramp, screw, wedge, pulley, lever and wheel —that constitute the elementary building blocks of which all complicated machines are composed.

**Thursdays, Nov. 5, 12 and 19, 2015**

**John Dickinson's Birthday Month.** Visitors celebrate the birth of John Dickinson by helping to make a great cake and decorate it using royal icing and shaped marzipan. 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015**

**Bayberry candle workshop.** Program examines bayberries and their use in creating bayberry candles. Presented in partnership with the [St. Jones Reserve](#). Workshop to take place from 10 a.m.–Noon in an unheated venue. Dress appropriately. Free admission but, due to space restrictions, reservations for the workshop are required by calling the St. Jones Reserve at 302-739-3436 no later than Nov. 13.

**Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015**

**"Light Me Up!"** Workshop on candle dipping and discussion of lighting devices of the 18th century. Workshop to take place from 1–3 p.m. in an unheated venue. Dress appropriately. Free admission but, due to space restrictions, reservations for the workshop are required by calling 302-739-3277 no later than Nov. 13.

**Saturdays, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12, 2015**

**Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild.** Program explores spinning, weaving, knitting and other fabric arts. 1–3 p.m.

**Saturday, Nov. 28, 2015**

**"Handmade for the Holidays."** Seasonal program in which visitors can create a sachet with herbs and spices. 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015**

**"Handmade for the Holidays."** Seasonal program in which visitors can learn to create and decorate cards through the art of paper quilling and stenciling, and write a personal note with a quill pen. 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015**

**"Handmade for the Holidays."** Seasonal program in which visitors can create a plaster ornament. 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

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